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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Based on PCT/DE 01/02029

For: Valve Assembly, In Particular For A Fuel Injection System  
Of An Internal Combustion Engine**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 2031

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION****Page 1**, between the title and paragraph [0001], insert the following:

a1 [0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

a2 [0000.4] This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 application of PCT/DE 01/02029 filed on  
May 25, 2001.

a3 [0000.6] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

a4 [0001] Field of the Invention

Between paragraphs [0002] and [0003], insert the following paragraph:

a5 [0002.5] Description of the Prior Art